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Carnahan Urges Congress To Take Advantage of Unexpected House Session, Act On Small Business Jobs Bill Now

(St. Louis, MO) - On Monday, Rep. Russ Carnahan (MO-3) will interrupt the August work period to return to Washington, DC for an emergency vote to save the jobs of 140,000 teachers nationwide - including over 3,000 in Missouri. This week, the U.S. Senate was able to overcome Republican delay tactics, passing the bill just as children are preparing to go back to school. Similar legislation passed the U.S. House with Carnahan's support months ago.

"I would always rather be home in Missouri, but a quick trip to Washington is a small price to pay to keep thousands of teachers from losing their jobs, especially as families prepare to send their kids back to school," said Russ Carnahan.

The House of Representatives is scheduled to vote Tuesday on the bill, which will save or create 290,000 jobs nationwide - including 140,000 teachers and 150,000 police officers, firefighters, nurses and private sector jobs. The measure is paid for in part by closing tax loopholes that encourage corporations to ship American jobs overseas, and according the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office, would raise more than \$1 billion over 10 years to pay down the deficit.

"This is about priorities and values," Carnahan said. **"I believe we need to get Americans back to work. We can do that by cracking down the corporate tax loopholes that are shipping American jobs overseas and investing in jobs here at home."**

Carnahan also urged the U.S. Senate not to break for their August recess without passing desperately needed legislation that would provide tax breaks and access to credit to help small businesses hire more workers. Senate Republicans are filibustering the bill, despite the fact that it has been endorsed by the United States Chamber of Commerce and the National Federation of Independent Business.

In June, Carnahan helped the House of Representatives pass similar legislation to free up lending for small businesses, despite multiple efforts by Republican House Members to use procedural tactics to delay and defeat the much-needed measure. Carnahan, who has held dozens of meetings with small business owners, said that business owners throughout the district have told him access to credit is their number one obstacle to hiring more workers.

"How dare you put politics ahead of helping these small businesses," said Carnahan. "Enough with the delays. We all know that small businesses are the engine of our economy and the key to our recovery. Let's get them the help they need to grow."

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